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When men are pure, laws are useless; when men are corrupt, laws are broken.—Disraeli.

THE "WILL OF THE PEOPLE" IS EFFICIENCY

The good faith of the Democratic party with the people has been kept by the five supervisors who last night stood between the rapacious Democratic county committee and efficiency in city business.

A majority of the board, four Democrats and the lone Republican, Mr. Cox, refuse to allow Mayor Fern to turn the fire department over to the spoils system, and this same or a greater majority, it now seems fairly certain, will refuse to oust the capable city engineer and the capable city electrician simply for the sake of putting Democrats in their places.

Two of the supervisors, Messrs. Pacheco and Walter, believe that the entire city administration should be Bourbonized where it is possible to do so by displacing Republicans with Democrats. These two supervisors take the position that the people of the city voted the Democratic party into office at the last election and expect the Democratic party to rule absolutely. It is an open question of policy, shall party policy be the first consideration, the overwhelming consideration in city affairs? Two Democratic supervisors demand that it shall be, four Democratic supervisors stand firm against tumbling out certain extremely capable heads of city operating departments to put in Democratic camp-followers whose ability to make good is extremely doubtful.

With due respect for the sincerity of the two supervisors, the Star-Bulletin would point out that the people voted Democrats into office because the Republicans had failed to satisfy the voters on the score of efficiency, and because the Democrats promised a better, more economical, more business-like city government. And when the mayor, prodded on by the insistent and greedy spoilsmen of the county committee, adopts the short-sighted method of playing wholly partisan politics in office, when supervisors lend him aid, they are not carrying out the will of the people.

The will of the people kept Auditor James Ricknell, Republican, in office because he is efficient; the will of the people kept City Clerk Kalanokalani, Republican, in office because he is efficient; the will of the people kept City Attorney Cathcart in office because he is efficient. The rest of the Republicans went down to defeat, but the men who had proved their ability were returned to office. The people demand efficiency, and whether the party designation of the efficient man is Republican or Democrat matters little. That is the basic fact behind the hundreds of independent votes that were cast last November to put the present office-holders in power.

There should be no objection to the Democrats displacing the horde of Republican minor officials with Bourbons, because this horde represents little in the way of efficiency. Republican or Democratic, it represents nothing but so many votes. The Democrats are entitled to distribute patronage in these minor offices, and the efficiency of the whole cannot greatly suffer. But the fire department's capable chief should be retained, the city engineer and the city electrician, for technical ability is imperative in these positions and the Democrats have brought no candidates forward who approach these three men in their respective merits.

Fair-minded Republicans and Democrats alike, men who see farther than petty jobbery or immediate political effect, will laud the supervisors who are doing their larger duty to the people of guaranteeing progressive city government.

"201"

At nine o'clock on Friday morning two "teams" of workers will start out on a campaign to secure 201 new members for the Y. M. C. A.

They ought to be successful. There ought to be five hundred additions to the membership roll of the Association. Honolulu's Y. M. C. A. is an institution that has done so much for Honolulu and the territory, and that now offers so much to members, that the move to throw forward its fighting-line of young manhood should be entirely successful.

Not long ago the Star-Bulletin devoted a page to one feature of the local Y. M. C. A.—its club-life. Twenty pages would not cover the entire subject of Association activities. Housed in a splendid building, the Association is doing a

work even proportionately more splendid. It offers facilities of every sort for wholesome recreation and amusement—gymnasium, bowling alleys, billiard-rooms, baths, games rooms, reading-rooms. It offers a home for the stranger, a circle of friends for the newcomer starting life in a new country. It offers practically at cost material advantages of living.

The Y. M. C. A. is a great wholesome family home with facilities for mental, moral and physical development with a decided stimulus. It is a democratic institution, in the government of which every member has a voice. It is Honolulu's biggest club and most progressive club. It promotes organizations for young men of fellow-interests. The Craftsman's club, made up of working-boys, the camera club, chess club, wireless club,—to mention a few of the groups of young men who find here a place to work out their plans. The Newcomers' club welcomes strangers. The College club draws together men who like to revive the memories of campus and class-room.

Its religious organizations are earnest, practical, broad-minded. There is no dry-rot, no apathy; life is zealous, busy, enjoyable.

These are but a few of the almost countless activities of this many-sided institution. It is a home, a club, a meeting-place. It is a definite force for cleanliness, for high ideals, for achievement in this community. The man whose home is established in Honolulu owes much to the Y. M. C. A. because of its radiating circles of sterling influence; and the man or boy who is not so well settled, who is beginning his life here or is a temporary resident, finds in the Y. M. C. A. a host of practical, every-day advantages at a surprisingly low money-cost and a surprisingly high return of health, strength, recreation and genuine encouragement.

FOR INTELLIGENT JUSTICE

Judge Robinson of the circuit court informs the Citizens' Protective Committee that the establishment of a whipping-post in Hawaii would be impossible, because this territory has no right, under the seventh constitutional amendment, to prescribe a form of punishment that is "cruel and unusual". The territory is under direct control of the federal government and the first ten amendments to the constitution apply here. Whether the same bar would stand in the way of sterilization of criminals, as carried out by some states, is a question that also arises.

At any rate, the whipping-post seems to be definitely eliminated from consideration as an early possibility. Therefore suggestions as to changes in the present laws against abuse of children and kindred crimes of lust should be taken up. Various members of the bar and the city attorney express the opinion that more discretion should be given the judge in imposing sentence, so that the matured and bestial criminal may be differentiated from the mere boy whose youthful passions have overbalanced his untrained character. With this opinion the Star-Bulletin heartily agrees, and we hope that the next legislature will provide a law more suitable to the variable demands of a justice tempered by mercy and understanding of the manifold temptations that Hawaii presents not only to the young girl but to the young boy.

Labor unions in California are again trying to stir up race sentiment against the Japanese, and the old bill preventing aliens from acquiring real estate in the state is again up at Sacramento. Twice before the bill has been started through the legislature. Once Roosevelt wielded the big stick and blocked it; the other time, Taft stepped in and flattened it out with an exhibition of the steam-roller tactics he could use when he chose. The bill is as a red rag before a bull to the Japanese government, and if it is introduced now there will be mutterings from Dai Nippon.

The mayor in his message to the board of supervisors says that more power should be given him. If the legislature can confer more mental power on Hizzoner, we shall be inclined to approve his request.

The money-trust investigating committee is going to examine William Rockefeller's throat. Possibly it will find out just how money talks!

Turkey appears to be stuffing the other fellow.

Mayor Fern, however, still controls the band.

LETTERS ON TIMELY TOPICS

[The Star-Bulletin invites free and frank discussion in this column on all legitimate subjects of current interest. Communications are constantly received to which no signature is attached. This paper will treat as confidential signatures to letters if the writers so desire, but cannot give space to anonymous communications.]

SUGGESTS BEAUTY CONTENT.

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.
Sir:—Why not have a beauty contest here the same as in San Francisco? There are many beautiful women in Honolulu. They are found in all classes and conditions of life. This is especially true of the children and young girls, for there is scarcely a family here that does not have one or more beautiful children. This fact is so self-evident that if I were asked what is the most interesting and beautiful of all the many beautiful sights to be seen here I should at once say the many beautiful women and children.

It is true that many of them are scarcely ever seen on the streets, or only as they fly by in their automobiles or carriages. In fact, Honolulu

has always been noted for its beautiful women, and perhaps more in the past than at the present time. And this is particularly true of the half-white girls, many of whom were perfect types of womanly beauty.

If time or space would permit, I would like to mention some of the most beautiful of them. Old residents, however, will remember one young half-white girl that was perhaps the most beautiful girl ever seen here, and who was loved and admired by everyone. She married a wealthy man from the mainland and she is now one of the most prominent and beautiful women of the smart set of New York.

There was also a young white girl, daughter of a planter, who was wonderfully beautiful, and it is thought by many that she has never been surpassed up to the present. She died, say, but recently passed away, but her beauty, grace and charm will never be forgotten.

Of the many other beauties of the old times many have daughters and some granddaughters of their own, who have much, but not all the beauty of their parents, or with few exceptions. Yours very truly,
GEO. OSBORNE.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

J. B. LAWSON (Tourist).—I attended the Bijou theater last night and was most agreeably disappointed at the character of the play and the talent of those producing it. It would be well for the city if it could have more of that sort of entertainment, as it is such a relief from the everlasting moving picture show.

CHARLES CLEMENS.—The progress of medical science is such that the doctors are burning their books about every ten years or even oftener.

The lawyers (including judges), think they, too, are progressing—but they aren't burning any books. Indeed, the growing mass of law books is becoming intolerable. Without so many of them, there would doubtless be less inconsistency and confusion in our law.

AGED HAWAIIAN PASSES BEYOND

Believed by many of the Hawaiians to be at least 110 years old, and having figured in a history which has been recounted from the Atlantic coast to the far east, Mary Mahai, died at her home on Highway street last Monday night, and was buried yesterday afternoon in the cemetery back of the asylum.

The aged Hawaiian was born on the island of Kauai during the period of the reign of Kamehameha the Great, long before the first missionaries from New England arrived here, and at the age of seven years went out in a canoe with her uncle and five other men bound for the island of Molokai. A storm came up and the canoe was driven out of sight of land, and for ten days they drifted at the mercy of the elements without food or water. When nearly dead from hunger and thirst, a sail was sighted, and two boats appeared, the larger of which sent a boat out to take the occupants of the canoe aboard. They were treated kindly by the captain and soon learned that the vessel was bound for China. The little Hawaiian girl was given the task of caring for the captain's daughter and the men put to work on the vessel. At one of the islands of the Ladrone the five men of the little party were put ashore at their request, and it was afterward learned that they were devoured by cannibals who were known to infest those islands. Mary Mahai, with her uncle, remained on the vessel and were taken to China, where they were turned over to missionaries there. They remained there several years, during which time Mary's uncle died. Mary was made nurse to one of the missionary's children and soon after traveled to New York with her mistress. At the time of the gold rush to California Mary was in the employ of a missionary family named Bates, and in 1848 they set sail for the gold fields, via Cape Horn. They were many months reaching their destination on account of the fierce storm which swept the coast, finally reaching Monterey.

The party sailed for the Hawaiian Islands a few years later, arriving in Honolulu in 1850, and Mary at once sent a letter to her friends, who had many years previous mourned her death, thinking that she had been drowned or eaten by sharks. Her friends came to Honolulu and her return was celebrated with a luau which

PERSONALITIES

MISS MELLIE MEYER, daughter of Dave Meyer of Wailuku, Maui, is on a visit to Honolulu. She is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. Carlo of 1925 Young street.

Last night many days. Mary did not accompany her relatives back to Kauai, but remained in the employ of the Bates family, to whom she had become very much attached. Later, she married, her husband dying a few months later. Her second husband died of the smallpox and her third lived only a year after their marriage. She married for the fourth time and she and her husband lived happily for twenty years, he dying in the early part of the present century.

The interesting story of her life was told by her when she appeared before the United States senatorial commission on its visit to Honolulu in 1902. As she became old, Mary Mahai lapsed into the easy Hawaiian life in her humble home on Vineyard street, where she would be often seen barefooted and clad in a holoku.

NATIVES THOUGHT PRINCE WAS AFRAID

American Sugar Industry, Chicago, for December, contains the following in its Honolulu letter:

"Considerable speculation is indulged in throughout the islands as to the probability of a Democratic governor soon after the inauguration of President Woodrow Wilson. A college professor has made an exhaustive examination of precedents and discovers no reasons from American history which would indicate that the present governor, Walter F. Frear, a Republican, should offer his resignation. The Democrats, however, have faith that President Wilson will give due consideration to the lean years which have been felt by would-be Democratic office holders and are confident that a governor will be appointed from the ranks of the Bourbons. Prominent among the list of candidates is Lincoln L. McCandless, who, despite his Christian name, has long been a leading Democrat in Hawaii and who might justly lay claim to having held the party together in the islands. McCandless has been the Democratic nominee for delegate to Congress for the past three campaigns and has steadily been gaining ground as a popular delegate to Kalaniana'ole. In the election just past McCandless lost Kalaniana'ole on this island by considerable majority, but lost out on the other islands. This is the first time that McCandless has carried this island and the result was very discouraging to Kalaniana'ole, who expected to find his greatest strength here because of the strong fight he has been waging against Governor Frear, which brought about the Fisher investigation which was reviewed in last month's letter. Kalaniana'ole's fight, so he claimed, was in the interest of the poor Hawaiians and Portuguese and the election returns show that it was among these people that he lost strength. The fact that the delegate "had nothing to say" during the Fisher investigation counted against him among the natives as they took it to mean that he was afraid to say in the meeting what he had before said on paper. As the matter stands Kalaniana'ole's majority was greatly reduced this election and McCandless stood a very good chance of election. Outside of McCandless the Democrats had a veritable landslide, electing the majority of their candidates and giving the is-

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and a Democratic House. Kalaniana'ole's strength comes very largely from the fact that he is a Hawaiian prince and he has enough loyalty from this fact among the natives to make him practically unbeatable. It is a strange fact that notwithstanding his unwarranted attack on Governor Frear and consequent disfavor among sugar men and other business interests of the islands he dominated the Republican convention and practically dictated its platform.

McCandless, from utterances made two years ago during a strenuous campaign for the delegateship, is considered dangerous to the sugar interests and his ambition for the governorship is held in some apprehension

by the sugar barons of Hawaii; at least he is receiving no support from them.

McCandless is a good business man who has made a fortune since coming to the islands less than twenty years ago. He is endorsed unqualifiedly by the Democratic party of Hawaii and stands a very good chance of being governor. He is very active and his administration, were he appointed Governor, might be expected to be a strenuous one.

Evidence taken before the tax appraiser at Ulica, N. Y., indicates that the estate of Vice-President James S. Sherman will be at least \$400,000 and possibly larger.

HOUSES FOR RENT

Furnished:	Unfurnished:
Tantalus \$40.00	Waipio \$12.00
Kahala Beach..... \$50.00, \$75.00	Wilder Ave. \$35.00
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Cor. 13th & Park Ave., Kaimuki \$40.00	College Hills, \$32.50, \$45, \$50.00
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We have in the New Ocean View Tract a few desirable lots at from \$500.00 to \$700.00 per lot; also the following properties:

House and lots Puuhai, near Country Club, lot 150x150; bargain price for quick sale; cash or instalments.	
House, lot and furniture, Park Ave., Kaimuki	\$2700
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